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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his residence concerning any information he might possess on RONALD JOSEPH BORANE, director of public safety, Douglas, Arizona. [redacted] advised that he was providing this information in the strictest of confidence and that he does not want it known to anyone that he is the source of this information. Present during the interview which spanned two days was [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] He stated that during [redacted] Douglas, Arizona, [redacted] that JOE BORANE, director of public safety in Douglas, was involved in a number of illegal activities, including narcotics trafficking, fraudulent land dealings and possible embezzlement of police department retirement funds. [redacted]

[redacted] and he has since heard [redacted] He attributed this to an extraordinary amount of pull that BORANE has with state government. He advised that [redacted] BORANE's activities.

[redacted] advised that he knows a number of people in [redacted] of BORANE and his associates in [redacted]

RONALD J. BORANE, better known as JOE BORANE, is presently serving as director of public safety for Douglas, Arizona. He has been on the police department since he was old enough to be sworn in and was a hand-picked successor to PERCY BOWDEN who retired as chief of police after over 40 years as chief. As director of public safety, BORANE is

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over not only the police department but the fire department and also controls all other departments of city government. He is considered, without a doubt, the most powerful man in the city structure. As an example of his power and influence, BORANE [redacted] and named [redacted] as successor. [redacted] having [redacted] a few years ago.

As director of public safety, BORANE earns approximately \$21,000 a year. His father, RAY BORANE, SR., is in charge of the UNITED STATES CUSTOMS Port of Entry at Naco, Arizona, and the family is not rich. BORANE never had much money until after he was appointed to his present position.

BORANE presently resides in a new home on 15th Street in Douglas which has been estimated to be worth in excess of \$100,000, with a large swimming pool in the rear yard which is enclosed by a 10-foot high block wall. He recently purchased a new Cadillac and a new pickup truck for cash and has extensive land investments.

One story which is unconfirmed is [redacted] new home with cost \$70,000 [redacted] JOE [redacted] JOE [redacted] BORANE [redacted] at the police station.

The best speculation about BORANE is that he made his money on [redacted] his associates. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted].

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There is a possibility that BORANE is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORANE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a couple of years ago
went to the Cochise County Recorder's Office in Bisbee,
Arizona, [REDACTED] BORANE. At

[REDACTED]

obvious tie-ins to BORANE. No connection was ever
established. BORANE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BORANE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORANE [REDACTED]

result in his finding out almost immediately.

There have been several allegations for years that
BORANE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted] and
his father's presence.

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[redacted] which is
property in New Mexico [redacted]
[redacted] It is
suspected that BORANE is involved in this as he has been
involved in other land ventures such as owning several
parcels of land in COCHISE COLLEGE PARK [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] the name of [redacted]
[redacted] came up as connected with [redacted]
[redacted]
BORANE and a number of his associates, [redacted]
[redacted] JOE BORANE, [redacted]
[redacted] and others, [redacted]
[redacted]

BORANE, although being in charge of the police
department, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] of BORANE and who
has a reputation of [redacted] BORANE's enemies.

[redacted] until a couple of years ago, had no money
and [redacted] until he obtained
[redacted] and opened up [redacted]
[redacted]. He presently has [redacted] who
[redacted]

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[redacted] and others. None of these persons is known to actively [redacted], and none is known to actually [redacted], leaving the impression that this [redacted] [redacted]. BORANE is closely [redacted] and spends a considerable amount of time with him.

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[redacted] who is associated with [redacted] and BORANE,

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
he may have been [redacted] BORANE, although there is no specific information to this effect.

[redacted] who is about [redacted]
[redacted]. According to information received, [redacted] was advised by [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] with [redacted] was just making ends meet [redacted]

Since [redacted] they have moved [redacted] and he gave [redacted] They have been taking numerous [redacted], and [redacted] about two times a month. [redacted]

[redacted] he has never been [redacted] and it is speculated [redacted] [redacted] has also been in trouble with the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION in connection [redacted] although the details of that are not known. [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] in the Douglas area.

[redacted] who is associated with [redacted] is also not [redacted], even though he [redacted] with the company. [redacted] BORANE, [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] who is associated with [redacted]
[redacted] LOUIS GUGLIOTTI, another BORANE associate.
GUGLIOTTI owns a lot of property in the Douglas area and is possibly involved in narcotics. GUGLIOTTI recently sold the EL CORONADO MOTEL in Douglas for \$600,000. The contractor who originally built the motel was found shot to death in either Tucson or Phoenix, and GUGLIOTTI supposedly never had to pay for the construction.

Another associate of BORANE is [redacted]
[redacted] in Douglas that is presently expanding its size due to the volume of business. [redacted] owns a [redacted] with the [redacted] and a [redacted] with the license [redacted] was known to have [redacted] recently. He is known locally as [redacted]

[redacted] before [redacted]
[redacted] BORANE and possibly ex-Governor RAUL CASTRO who is a very close friend of BORANE. BORANE was instrumental in renaming 10th Street Park in Douglas to Castro Park over the protests of over 2,000 residents. [redacted] allegedly was with BORANE [redacted] CASTRO [redacted] governor's home in Phoenix. BORANE and CASTRO were very close, and BORANE was at the height of his power when CASTRO was in office. CASTRO is a native of Douglas and knows many of the same people that BORANE knows.

[redacted] is another BORANE associate. [redacted] was [redacted] and then was [redacted] but was [redacted] charges is not known, but he is [redacted] again. [redacted] ELKS CLUB in Douglas and [redacted].

Another piece of information recieved is that there may [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], he stated, then BORANE would
[REDACTED] to use as he sees fit.
He was uncertain whether BORANE would have to turn in the

[REDACTED]

He stated that if such [REDACTED] BORANE it would

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]
businesses that BORANE was involved in such as DESIREE,
INC., and EDON ENTERPRISES. He replied that DESIREE, INC.,

[REDACTED] BORANE's [REDACTED]
does not know what the business does nor does he know what
EDON ENTERPRISES does, even though he has heard of them.

[REDACTED] was mentioned as being involved in
DESIREE, INC., he stated that [REDACTED]
mentioned above and that he is BORANE's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BORANE.

When asked if he knows anyone who has inside knowledge of
BORANE's activities, he replied that SHELLEY RICHEY would be
one who could supply extremely valuable information if he
wanted to. He stated that he heard recently that RICHEY may
be willing to talk in exchange for help on his recent mail
fraud conviction as RICHEY is 63 years old and does not want
to go to jail. RICHEY should be able to blow everything

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wide open if he wants to. RICHEY is presently in financial trouble as he has some property [REDACTED] for sale for which he wants \$40,000, and he will only take cash.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
that RICHEY [REDACTED].

Another person he [REDACTED] who is presently [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] according to his information, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BORANE. but he does not know what information [REDACTED] has a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] living in Douglas at [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

and still lost the case. The word around is that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] lost the case [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the drug scene. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BORANE and is possibly involved in business deals with him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to see what he could supply. He further advised that [REDACTED]
DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT files.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
for JONES AND ASSOCITES, telephone number [REDACTED]. might have information of value. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[redacted] as a result of this, is extremely hostile towards BORANE.

Another outspoken foe of BORANE is [redacted] who lives at [redacted] is known for a [redacted] entitled [redacted] [redacted] at BORANE and makes references to [redacted] [redacted] supposedly personally [redacted] BORANE [redacted] Douglas [redacted] for awhile and was [redacted] in some of the stores but is no longer available. [redacted] it at this time. He [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested by the DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT after an informant [redacted]. The case was turned over to the DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA), [redacted] same informant [redacted] the DEA office and [redacted] which it was is unclear to [redacted]. The informant supposedly told [redacted] which it was. [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] at the FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER in Florence, Arizona, and [redacted] BORANE at that time but did not have anything of value. He advised that he does not know if [redacted] would be of help or not. He described [redacted].

[redacted] was asked if he knows of [redacted] [redacted] presently or [redacted] [redacted] who might know of BORANE's activities. He stated that a couple of years ago there was [redacted]

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[redacted] is now back in Douglas [redacted]. He does not believe that [redacted] would cooperate.

[redacted] He presently [redacted] in Douglas and may talk about what he knows, if anything. [redacted] has no information that [redacted] was involved with BORANE in any actions.

[redacted] advised that the best candidate is a [redacted] [redacted] has stated that [redacted] BORANE but would not talk about it because [redacted] in Douglas, and [redacted]

[redacted] feels that he may cooperate now. [redacted] is supposed to be residing [redacted]

[redacted] He heard that [redacted] but believes him to now be in [redacted]

[redacted] was asked if he had ever heard of an [redacted] BORANE but who was [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that he has no such information but will attempt to learn what he can about this. He stated that up until [redacted] but [redacted] was never arrested.

In regards [redacted] against BORANE, [redacted] related that not too long ago [redacted] Douglas [redacted] BORANE.

[redacted] BORANE.
[redacted] BORANE [redacted]

According to [redacted] nothing was done [redacted]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BORANE [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that he is quite convinced that BORANE is deeply involved in numerous illegal activities but [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
the State of Arizona to prosecute BORANE due to his connections. In addition to his ties with former Governor CASTRO, BORANE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that the way the city government is made up there is no way he would ever be prosecuted locally for any crime.

[REDACTED] stated that he feels there are several people in Douglas who could furnish information of value against BORANE but that they are afraid of him and his associates and that it will be very difficult to obtain cooperation against BORANE.

[REDACTED] advised that now that he knows the FBI is investigating BORANE he will recontact SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
the source of this information. At this point the interview was concluded.